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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM DANANG SEPT 18
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DANANG 158

SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES DANANG

REF: DANANG 149

1. ADVANCE INFORMATION FROM DANANG DEP ADMIN INDICATES THAT 6 OF 29 ORIGINAL CANDIDATES FOR LOWER HOUSE WERE ELIMINATED. SO FAR REASONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, HOWEVER THOSE ELIMINATED WERE:

(1)

NGUYEN TRONG
VO THANH PHUOC
NGUYEN CONG KINH
HA DINH HIEN
TRAN NGOC TU
NGUYEN NGOC VIEN

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2. ONE OF LEADING BUDDHIST CANDIDATES, TU AND OF CATHOLICS, KINH WERE EACH ELIMINATED. VIEN PROBABLY ELIMINATED FOR ACTI E STRUGGLE PARTICIPATION IN 1966.

3. MOST SIGNISFICANT, HOWEVER, ARE THOSE NOT ELIMINATED WHIC INCLUDE HO KIM ANH, CITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND NEW REV DAI VIE WHO WAS ELIMINATED IN CA ELECTION; DAM QUANG SAN, YOUNGER BRO HER OF COL DAM QUANG YEU; AND PHAN XUAN HUY, FORMER VICE CHAIRMAN OF PEOPLES NATIONAL SALVATION COUNCIL AND TEACHER AT HUE UNIV RSITY AND DANANG BO DE HIGH SCHOOL.

4. GIVEN CURRENT LIS ING, AND BARRING ACCEPTED APPEALS BY BY CANDIDATES ELIMINATED, MOST PROMISING CANDIDATES FOR DANAN S TWO SEATS APPEAR TO BE:

NGUYEN HUU UAN - CITY COUNCILLOR WITH POSSIBLE BUDDHIST BACKING.

HO KIM ANH - RDV AND POYIBLE BUDDHIST BACKING

DOAN CONG QUYEN - RDV AND CATHOLIC BACKING

PHAN XUAN HUY - PROBABLE BUDDHIST BACKING

5. AS IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN DANANG ALL IMPORTANT FACTOR IS BUDDHIST BACKING, OTHERWISE, AN EFFECTIVE COALITION OF SEVERAL GROUPS IS NECESSARY. VNQDD CANDIDATES ARE LACKING

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BECAUSE AT LEAST A THREE WAY SPLIT OF PARTY VOTES WILL PROBAB Y OCCUR. UNLESS POSSIBLE ALLIANCE BETWEEN "VHK" VNQDD AND BUDD ISTS OCCUR, PROBABLY NO VNQDD CANDIDATE CAN BE ELECTED. SIGNED KORE
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